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First Named Inventor	BURKE, William Roy
Art Unit	1722
Examiner Name	RAO, G. Nagesh
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**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

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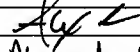
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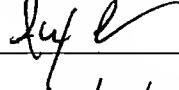
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WALLBOARD CORE  
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**  
**AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the February 22, 2006, office action (the "Office Action"), Applicant makes a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and requests that the \$790.00 filing fee for the RCE be charged to the identified credit card. Applicant also requests that the claims be amended as reflected in the following listing of claims starting on page 2. The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the above-referenced patent application (the "Application"). The Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.